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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1948	1,040,640	1,065,675	2,106,315	1,259,060
1949	1,073,298	1,091,033	2,164,331	1,290,400
1950	1,116,962	1,114,294	2,231,256	1,326,400
1951	1,152,772	1,138,582	2,291,354	1,360,200
1952	1,192,644	1,164,179	2,356,823	1,393,000

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.(a)			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	Deaths under One Year per 1,000 Births.
Year ended 31st Decem- ber—								
1948	20,035	46,099	21,825	1,103	9.59	22.06	10.44	23.93
1949	20,066	46,873	21,991	1,026	9.38	21.92	10.28	21.89
1950	20,320	49,830	22,341	1,001	9.22	22.61	10.14	20.09
1951	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9.31	22.23	10.33	22.61
1952	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,193	8.66	23.02	9.99	22.29

(a) Subject to revision

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—	
	1951.	1952.(a)
Tuberculosis	407	346
Malignant Neoplasms	3,169	3,323
Diabetes	353	410
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System	2,860	3,241
Diseases of the Heart	7,631	7,696
General Arteriosclerosis	839	804
Pneumonia	970	732
Nephritis and Nephrosis	515	426
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	672	731
Accidents	1,195	1,282

(a) Subject to revision.

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL. VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT. (Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1933—June ..	73·2	215·4	288·6	4·1	(e)	38·7	42·3	65·3		32·8
1939—July ..	90·0	267·5	357·5	5·5	128·4	36·4	45·4	75·9		35·9
1941—July ..	106·8	296·6	403·4	5·8	166·6	40·5	48·4	28·8	34·0	35·1
1942—June ..	113·8	261·7	375·5	4·6	167·0	29·2	47·4	22·5	27·7	30·3
1943—June ..	107·0	248·2	355·2	3·7	168·5	16·2	46·0	20·2	24·9	28·1
1944—June ..	106·5	245·6	352·1	3·4	167·0	16·6	45·5	20·3	26·0	30·0
1945—August ..	106·2	254·6	360·8	3·6	166·7	21·7	47·3	22·3	28·1	32·1
1946—June ..	115·2	302·7	417·9	4·4	179·8	32·0	55·0	29·6	37·9	38·1
1947—June ..	125·9	326·7	452·6	4·5	184·3	38·4	59·8	32·7	43·4	42·4
1948—June ..	131·7	341·6	473·3	4·8	192·7	42·1	62·4	34·6	46·1	44·4
1949—June ..	138·1	351·5	489·6	4·8	195·3	45·4	66·2	35·4	47·9	46·4
1950—June ..	148·2	362·4	510·6	4·8	201·5	50·7	69·3	36·1	50·2	47·7
1951—June ..	153·2	372·6	525·8	5·0	206·8	54·9	68·8	37·3	53·6	48·0
1952—June ..	152·9	371·6	524·5	5·2	204·1	52·3	71·3	35·9	55·4	49·0
October ..	152·5	364·1	516·6	5·3	199·8	49·6	70·1	35·4	54·8	48·9
November ..	152·4	363·5	515·9	5·4	199·1	49·3	70·1	35·7	54·8	48·8
December ..	152·7	364·6	517·3	5·4	199·5	49·4	69·9	36·4	54·7	48·9
1953—January ..	151·8	365·5	517·3	5·4	200·4	49·7	69·4	36·0	55·3	48·9
February ..	151·3	368·5	519·8	5·3	203·1	49·7	69·3	36·1	55·3	49·2
March ..	151·5	369·7	521·2	5·4	204·2	50·0	68·9	36·2	55·6	49·5
FEMALES.										
1933—June ..	13·9	104·3	118·2	..	(e)	0·2	3·3	26·9		36·9
1939—July ..	16·8	126·1	142·9	0·1	63·9	0·3	3·3	30·8		34·3
1941—July ..	25·8	160·2	186·0	0·1	79·1	0·4	5·9	29·7	12·1	42·3
1942—June ..	37·1	161·4	198·5	0·2	82·7	0·5	8·1	29·9	14·4	43·5
1943—June ..	45·8	159·6	205·4	0·1	86·1	0·5	11·0	28·0	14·2	44·1
1944—June ..	44·4	153·9	198·3	0·1	82·4	0·5	11·2	26·7	14·4	44·9
1945—August ..	40·7	151·6	192·3	0·1	79·9	0·5	10·9	26·6	14·6	46·0
1946—June ..	30·6	153·1	183·7	0·1	75·2	0·6	9·4	27·4	13·9	47·7
1947—June ..	30·0	160·5	190·5	0·1	76·5	0·7	9·6	28·6	14·5	50·6
1948—June ..	30·4	166·3	196·7	0·1	79·1	0·8	10·4	29·9	15·4	52·5
1949—June ..	31·4	171·3	202·7	0·1	81·9	0·9	11·4	30·8	16·4	53·3
1950—June ..	33·6	176·5	210·1	0·1	84·9	0·9	11·8	31·2	17·7	55·2
1951—June ..	36·3	183·2	219·5	0·1	88·7	1·0	11·9	32·3	19·5	56·7
1952—June ..	36·5	170·1	206·6	0·1	76·6	1·1	11·6	30·8	20·2	56·6
October ..	35·9	167·1	203·0	0·1	75·4	1·1	11·2	29·9	19·9	56·2
November ..	35·7	167·8	203·5	0·1	75·7	1·1	11·2	30·5	19·7	56·0
December ..	35·5	168·2	203·7	0·1	74·9	1·1	11·1	31·7	19·6	55·9
1953—January ..	35·3	167·1	202·4	0·1	75·8	1·1	10·9	30·1	19·8	55·9
February ..	35·5	169·8	205·3	0·1	78·3	1·1	10·9	30·0	19·8	56·3
March ..	35·6	172·8	208·4	0·1	80·9	1·1	10·8	30·0	20·0	56·7

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—*continued.*
(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment. (b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
PERSONS.										
1933—June ..	87.1	319.7	406.8	4.1	137.1	38.9	45.6	91.9		69.7
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2
1941—July ..	132.6	456.8	589.4	5.9	245.7	40.9	54.3	58.5	46.1	77.4
1942—June ..	150.9	423.1	574.0	4.8	249.7	29.7	55.5	52.4	42.1	73.8
1943—June ..	152.8	407.8	560.6	3.8	254.6	16.7	57.0	48.2	39.1	72.2
1944—June ..	150.9	399.5	550.4	3.5	249.4	17.1	56.7	47.0	40.4	74.9
1945—August ..	146.9	406.2	553.1	3.7	246.6	22.2	58.2	48.9	42.7	78.1
1946—June ..	145.8	455.8	601.6	4.5	255.0	32.6	64.4	57.0	51.8	85.8
1947—June ..	155.9	487.2	643.1	4.6	260.8	39.1	69.4	61.3	57.9	93.0
1948—June ..	162.1	507.9	670.0	4.9	271.8	42.9	72.8	64.5	61.5	96.9
1949—June ..	169.5	522.8	692.3	4.9	277.2	46.3	77.6	66.2	64.3	99.7
1950—June ..	181.8	538.9	720.7	4.9	286.4	51.6	81.1	67.3	67.9	102.9
1951—June ..	189.5	555.8	745.3	5.1	295.5	55.9	80.7	69.6	73.1	104.7
1952—June ..	189.4	541.7	731.1	5.3	280.7	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6
October ..	188.4	531.2	719.6	5.4	275.2	50.7	81.3	65.3	74.7	105.1
November ..	188.1	531.3	719.4	5.5	274.8	50.4	81.3	66.2	74.5	104.8
December ..	188.2	532.8	721.0	5.5	274.4	50.5	81.0	68.1	74.3	104.8
1953—January ..	187.1	532.6	719.7	5.5	276.2	50.8	80.3	66.1	75.1	104.8
February ..	186.8	538.3	725.1	5.4	281.4	50.8	80.2	66.1	75.1	105.5
March ..	187.1	542.5	729.6	5.5	285.1	51.1	79.7	66.2	75.6	106.2

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Forces at home or abroad, National Service trainees in camp and Government "relief" workers. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision.

(b) Civilian employees of Commonwealth, State, Local, and Semi-Government, and Allied Government Authorities. From March, 1951, old basis subject to revision.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment, &c., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

(e) Not available.

VICTORIA—UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were reported out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters.

Period.	Trade Unions.		Trade Unions Reporting.		Unemployed in Trade Unions Reporting.	
	Total Number.	Total Membership.	Number.	Membership.	Number.	Percentage.
1938 Year	147	215,021	79	124,184	10,718	8.6
1939 "	149	216,803	78	125,628	13,032	10.4
1945 "	151	311,891	77	186,112	1,548	0.9
1946 "	151	329,049	75	191,632	2,400	1.3
1947 "	152	343,162	74	204,500	2,423	1.2
1948 "	156	370,886	74	212,831	1,762	0.8
1949 "	150	382,503	74	222,955	1,719	0.8
1950 "	152	406,317	74	228,723	1,523	0.7
1951 "	156	433,407	74	240,643	1,410	0.6
1952 " (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	236,768	7,285	3.1
1932—June Quarter (a) .. .. .	..	..	81	117,083	32,395	27.7
1952—March Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	238,398	2,487	1.0
June Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	238,326	3,875	1.6
September Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	234,869	11,498	4.9
December Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	235,477	11,279	4.8
1953—March Quarter (b) .. .. .	..	..	74	235,715	8,913	3.8

(a) Peak of unemployment.

(b) Subject to revision.

Note.—The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males and represents at present about 60 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The above table is an indication of the trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION. (a)

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnambool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0

(a) "Court" Series Index-Numbers.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti-mated Loss in Wages.
			Di-rectly.	Indi-rectly. (a)	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	
1939 Year ..	10	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	..	27,313	£'000
1949 ..	20	193	22,018	..	22,018	60,112	..	60,112	20
1950 ..	33	1,142	59,161	14,826	73,987	1,208,365	..	1,208,365	116
1951 ..	41	220	27,219	..	27,219	42,210	..	42,210	2,396
1952 ..	33	1,441	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	..	116,339	104
1951—March Qr. ..	12	127	16,758	..	16,758	18,214	..	18,214	38
June Qr. ..	8	17	1,826	..	1,826	6,621	..	6,621	17
Sept. Qr. ..	11	49	5,948	..	5,948	14,232	..	14,232	41
Dec. Qr. ..	10	27	2,687	..	2,687	3,143	..	3,143	8
1952—March Qr. ..	10	1,327	43,025	..	43,025	67,795	..	67,795	178
June Qr. (b) ..	6	49	9,363	54	9,417	9,286	13,844	23,130	61
Sept. Qr. ..	11	55	6,731	34	6,765	10,064	76	10,140	33
Dec. Qr. ..	6	10	1,634	1,079	2,713	15,274	..	15,274	67

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(b) Excludes working days lost as a result of the ban on overtime in the stevedoring industry during the quarter.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.		Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam-bool.	Five Towns—Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1943 ..	..	1,139	1,084	1,096	1,110	1,126	1,135
„ 1944 ..	..	1,135	1,083	1,101	1,112	1,129	1,131
„ 1945 ..	..	1,135	1,086	1,099	1,113	1,139	1,131
„ 1946 ..	..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
„ 1947 ..	..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
1951—March Quarter		1,718	1,665	1,662	1,702	1,717	1,714
June Quarter ..		1,839	1,825	1,771	1,845	1,823	1,837
September Qr.		1,930	1,918	1,884	1,924	1,957	1,928
December Qr.		2,033	2,019	1,987	2,014	2,048	2,030
1952—March Quarter		2,059	2,045	2,025	2,050	2,083	2,058
June Quarter		2,177	2,145	2,143	2,160	2,201	2,175
September Qr.		2,218	2,201	2,191	2,205	2,262	2,216
December Qr.		2,224	2,197	2,196	2,201	2,272	2,222
1953—March Qr.		2,250	2,217	2,220	2,217	2,286	2,247

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 89 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report*, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1928-29 are published in the next statement.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.
(Base: 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861 Year ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871 " ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881 " ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,001	1,587	1,121
1891 " ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	1,945
1901 " ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1911 " ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	000
1921 " ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1931 " ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,423
1939 " ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1941 " ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1945 " ..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946 " ..	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163
1947 " ..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360
1948 " ..	2,829	3,619	2,383	2,104	2,435	2,976	4,631	3,180	2,824
1949 " ..	3,502	3,966	2,876	2,309	2,558	3,356	4,611	3,221	3,191
1950 " ..	3,902	(a)5,464	3,155	2,459	2,829	4,616	(b)5,567	3,263	(c)3,816

NOTE.—The figures given in this table are comparable in the vertical columns, but are not directly comparable horizontally.

(a) Computed using, for wool, the effective home-consumption price. This group index-number computed using the auction room price for wool is 6,079. (b) The regimen and weighting of the original Building Materials group of this index have become unreal. The movement shown here for this group between 1949 and 1950 has been calculated in accordance with the movement occurring in the Building Materials group of the Basic Materials and Foodstuffs Index. (c) Computed using, for wool, the effective home-consumption price. The all groups index-number computed using the auction room price for wool is 3,921.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published in the foregoing statement. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32 ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1942-43 ..	129	167	147	142	138	163	149	128	176	121	137
1943-44 ..	131	170	150	143	140	174	153	129	182	122	140
1944-45 ..	131	168	152	143	140	175	152	131	182	123	141
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1951-52—											
July ..	288	209	490	300	301	314	283	283	271	289	283
January ..	346	223	605	313	270	365	322	264	286	294	292
February ..	363	223	560	317	264	394	331	279	295	307	304
March ..	365	223	504	327	261	394	330	288	295	313	308
April ..	370	323	517	327	262	395	332	293	296	318	312
May ..	379	230	559	327	278	433	347	292	301	325	318
June ..	379	230	570	331	296	433	349	296	301	330	321
1952-53—											
July ..	392	230	570	344	279	435	354	304	301	(b) 337	327
August ..	394	230	577	350	241	418	351	303	294	338	325
September ..	399	230	(b)566	349	237	418	352	295	294	333	321
October ..	390	235	589	349	233	418	352	283	295	(b) 322	314
November ..	390	237	589	349	(b)223	420	352	280	294	321	313
December ..	390	237	609	349	227	420	353	291	296	329	319
January ..	389	236	608	350	223	420	353	288	295	327	317
February ..	391	235	611	355	212	391	348	288	287	327	315
March ..	393	235	640	355	212	391	350	287	288	328	316

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Revised figures.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment (f).	
	Age.	Invalid.	Maintaining a Child.	Not Maintaining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920-21	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1947-48	78,057	15,165	4,010	7,249	46,027	148,249	251,145
1948-49	81,753	15,575	3,937	7,227	46,309	157,625	265,672
1949-50	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1st July, 1952, to 23rd March, 1953	91,726	14,772	3,851	6,380	40,607	326,597	666,108

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.				Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
				Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
1945-46 Year .. ..	..	..	..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47 .. ..	..	..	..	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48 .. ..	..	..	..	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49 .. ..	..	..	..	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50 .. ..	..	..	..	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51 .. ..	..	..	..	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52 .. ..	..	..	..	3,201	1,133	11,838	1,578
1st July, 1952, to 23rd March, 1953				(c) 30,823	4,728	(c) 8047	1,973

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(c) Period from 1st July, 1952, to 28th March, 1953.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions (a).	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1946	36,020	13,157	43,849	93,026	2,296	1,106
1947	39,711	13,167	48,101	100,979	2,589	1,134
1948	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951	49,115	13,730	69,054	131,899	2,696	1,071
1952	51,045	13,735	75,486	140,266	2,661	1,125
At 31st March, 1953 ..	52,260	13,835	79,982	146,077	2,915	1,222

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War and 1939–1945 War and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914–1918 War and 1939–1945 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate (a).		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
<i>Entered.</i>								
1938–39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1948–49 ..	323	1,465	457	2,523	1,288	3,067	2,068	7,055
1949–50 ..	396	1,829	590	3,232	1,329	3,245	2,315	8,306
1950–51 ..	426	1,945	573	3,185	1,288	3,399	2,287	8,529
1951–52 ..	446	1,997	548	3,140	1,322	3,611	2,316	8,748
1951–52—								
March Quarter ..	132	562	156	900	357	896	645	2,358
June Quarter ..	88	419	132	791	310	848	530	2,058
1952–53—								
September Quarter ..	86	382	149	826	379	946	614	2,154
December Quarter ..	71	313	144	841	423	1,158	638	2,312
<i>Cleared.</i>								
1938–39 Year ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1948–49 ..	268	1,214	410	2,095	1,401	3,782	2,079	7,091
1949–50 ..	349	1,641	417	2,297	1,548	4,364	2,314	8,302
1950–51 ..	347	1,599	423	2,386	1,546	4,614	2,316	8,599
1951–52 ..	377	1,699	403	2,413	1,548	4,728	2,328	8,840
1951–52—								
March Quarter ..	112	480	110	639	415	1,182	637	2,301
June Quarter ..	90	422	108	649	366	1,122	564	2,193
1952–53—								
September Quarter ..	89	372	99	588	410	1,139	598	2,099
December Quarter ..	92	405	115	694	444	1,293	651	2,392

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A 000	£A'000
1939	43,857	551	44,408
1950	182,900	1,357	184,257
1951	262,848	218	263,066
1952	361,807	1,386	363,193
Nine months ended 31st March, 1953, (a)	128,957	548	129,505
EXPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	28,388	2,431	30,819
1950	165,851	345	166,196
1951	265,013	31	265,044
1952	185,954	40	185,994
Nine months ended 31st March, 1953, (a)	166,075	97	166,172

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	205	42	890	97
Other	74	84	371	245
Other Animal Foodstuffs	117	47	387	222
Total, Class I.	396	173	1,648	564

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Nuts, Edible	108	97	334	250
Spices	29	31	429	185
Coffee and Chicory	62	98	622	285
Tea	770	901	2,960	2,767
Cocoa and Chocolate	233	240	980	311
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs, &c. ..	342	131	1,052	269
Total, Class II.	1,544	1,498	6,377	4,067
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	113	23	408	127
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF—				
Tobacco—				
Unmanufactured	1,339	1,534	2,547	3,736
Manufactured	12	5	55	10
Cigarettes	698	213	2,163	595
Cigars, Snuff, &c.	3	..	14	..
Total, Class IV.	2,052	1,752	4,779	4,341
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	19	27	103	100
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS—				
Hides and Skins	82	39	567	135
Wool	138	260	953	348
Silk, Raw	5	17	123	17
Other Animal Substances	198	51	615	128
Total, Class VI.	423	367	2,258	628
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	76	78	362	158
Fibres	2,169	658	6,949	2,549
Gums, Resins, and Balsams	70	38	237	86
Cork and Cork Manufactures	101	30	276	92
Plastic Materials (except Fibres) ..	696	332	1,634	781
Other Vegetable Substances	177	248	632	458
Total, Class VII.	3,289	1,384	10,090	4,124

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES AND APPAREL—				
Yarns	2,984	1,479	9,159	3,209
Manufactured Fibres	2,603	22	6,458	772
Textiles—				
Piece Goods	11,698	1,945	36,734	7,022
Other	1,854	331	7,643	664
Apparel	3,280	464	8,266	1,014
Total, Class VIII.	22,419	4,241	68,260	12,681
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Linseed Oil	112	..	690	57
Paraffin Wax	89	3	231	24
Petroleum and Shale Oils—				
Petroleum	4,040	3,934	10,191	10,648
Kerosene	522	410	1,340	1,417
Residual	765	309	2,313	1,634
Solar	598	213	1,535	1,336
Lubricating (Mineral)	847	111	2,198	983
Other	242	72	441	270
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	309	108	1,219	289
Total Class IX.	7,524	5,160	20,158	16,658
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES				
	411	113	1,188	289
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..				
	439	368	1,355	2,350
CLASS XII.(a)—METALS AND MANU- FACTURES—				
Iron and Steel—				
Plate and Sheet	4,381	2,906	11,416	7,577
Other	3,225	664	6,374	1,809
Tools of Trade	493	149	1,202	326
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	669	768	1,051	5,104
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Complete	204	81	459	296
Bodies, Chassis, and Parts	10,203	3,307	24,653	9,097
Other Vehicles and Parts	1,009	218	2,884	732
Other Metals and Manufactures	4,704	1,605	14,099	5,511
Total, Class XII.(a)	24,888	9,698	62,138	30,452

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued*.

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS XII.(b)—DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHIN- ERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.				
Dynamo Electrical Machinery	786	487	1,915	1,825
Wireless (Radio) Equipment	56	81	136	167
Other Electrical Machinery, &c... ..	2,111	1,226	5,546	3,315
Total, Class XII.(b)	2,953	1,794	7,597	5,307
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)—				
Motive Power Machinery and Appliances ..	4,480	3,516	12,806	8,045
Metal Working Machinery and Appliances ..	720	1,180	1,771	2,727
Roller and Ball Bearings	446	331	1,103	1,197
Other Machines and Machinery	6,176	4,604	16,437	12,543
Total Class XII.(c)	11,822	9,631	32,117	24,512
Total, Class XII.	39,663	21,123	101,852	60,271
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.	1,276	299	9,567	1,122
Rubber Manufactures—				
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	1,187	42	2,684	409
Elastics	114	35	308	103
Other	174	84	543	150
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	127	54	375	102
Total, Class XIII.	2,878	514	13,477	1,886
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER—				
Timber	4,689	102	9,346	790
Other Wood and Wicker	252	34	607	111
Total, Class XIV.	4,941	136	9,953	901
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE—				
Glass and Glassware	654	216	1,583	469
Crockery and Household Ware	455	109	1,179	230
Portland Cement	98	44	1,665	390
Other Earthenware, &c.	468	106	1,242	246
Total, Class XV.	1,675	475	5,669	1,335

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD—				
Pulp for Papermaking	1,747	97	3,093	840
Paper—				
Printing	2,694	663	5,645	1,841
Writing and Typewriting	707	121	1,349	326
Wrapping	1,060	180	2,025	351
Other	945	175	2,104	413
Millboards and Other Boards	808	63	1,613	144
Total, Class XVI.(a)	7,961	1,299	15,829	3,915
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY—				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	447	421	1,347	1,356
Other Stationery, &c.	433	160	1,295	435
Total, Class XVI.(b)	880	581	2,642	1,791
Total, Class XVI.	8,841	1,880	18,471	5,706
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES—				
Fancy Goods, including Sporting Materials and Toys	283	38	1,389	110
Jewellery	164	138	615	243
Timepieces	324	44	997	201
Total, Class XVII.	771	220	3,001	554
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	834	341	2,036	1,016
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Drugs and Chemicals	3,091	771	7,348	2,174
Fertilizers	183	194	677	507
Total, Class XIX	3,274	965	8,025	2,681
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives	1,936	315	3,123	1,272
Bags, Baskets, &c.	47	9	228	22
Brushware	41	6	145	15
Prefabricated Buildings—				
Houses	230	1,225	1,382	2,090
Other Buildings	637	457	1,506	1,114
Outside Packages	2,092	809	5,392	2,316
All Other Articles	1,354	459	3,483	1,849
Total, Class XX.	6,337	3,280	15,259	8,678
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	441	169	691	548
GRAND TOTAL	108,284	44,209	295,058	129,505

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	69	69	131	197
Lamb	548	1,153	985	3,301
Mutton	49	718	136	1,076
Pork	10	11	67	55
Poultry	215	72	681	483
Rabbits and Hares	471	269	1,915	1,537
Other	64	131	192	313
Preserved in Tins	898	1,515	3,139	9,974
Sausage Casings	386	351	712	926
Other	220	40	953	133
Butter	1,002	1,729	2,168	6,918
Butter Substitutes	23	25	67	78
Cheese	1,541	1,532	2,139	3,249
Eggs	189	399	582	1,639
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	90	138	262	285
Honey	31	27	88	172
Milk and Cream	1,567	2,744	4,383	5,776
Other Animal Foodstuffs	47	213	173	1,030
Total, Class I.	7,420	11,136	18,773	37,142
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	2,736	1,906	11,432	6,109
Oats	1,822	901	2,421	2,151
Barley	753	435	753	757
Other	57	36	62	46
Prepared—				
Rice	50	39	102	102
Flour (Wheaten)	3,339	3,826	9,073	11,765
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	20	159	114	316
Other	27	18	194	83
Vegetables—				
Peas	12	32	50	58
Preserved in liquid and pulped	53	113	115	346
Other	86	24	157	226
Fruits—				
Fresh	272	415	598	855
Dried	86	141	1,798	2,593
Preserved in liquid	247	609	2,542	4,421
Fruit Juices	21	93	82	262
Jam and Jellies	101	33	279	215
Confectionery	47	12	173	70
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	105	292	370	610
Total, Class II.	9,834	9,084	30,315	30,985
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS				
	63	81	301	311

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	2	..	13	5
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .	69	30	86	48
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD- STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	56	56	445	393
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	39	87	153	256
Sheep (with wool and without wool)	1,621	2,049	4,755	5,577
Other	9	1	43	40
Wool—				
Greasy	25,973	27,919	52,567	64,558
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	4,550	4,243	12,085	11,473
Other Animal Substances	9	24	86	103
Total, Class VI.	32,257	34,379	70,134	82,400
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—				
Seeds	19	15	204	84
Fibres	14	27	106	64
Other Vegetable Substances	37	15	76	33
Total, Class VII.	70	57	386	181
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL—				
Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.. .. .	87	11	541	92
Textiles	128	63	558	201
Apparel	47	20	80	110
Total, Class VIII.	262	94	1,179	403
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—				
Tallow, inedible	124	300	262	489
Other Oils, Fats, and Waxes	87	146	365	374
Total, Class IX.	211	446	627	863
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	102	20	208	90
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC. ..	489	565	1,831	1,575
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY—				
Metals and Metal Manufactures (except Electrical)	616	771	1,844	1,983
Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances	69	56	197	223
Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical)	477	703	1,864	2,160
Total, Class XII.	1,162	1,530	3,905	4,366

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Article.	Quarter Ended 31st March—		Nine Months Ended 31st March—	
	1952.	1953.	1952.	1953.
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	29	17	72	57
Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	195	353	648	918
Total, Class XIII. ..	224	370	720	975
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	31	31	122	97
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE ..	15	11	38	38
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY—				
Pulp, Paper, and Board ..	15	54	66	118
Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	49	66	212	231
Total, Class XVI. ..	64	120	278	349
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES ..	67	78	164	220
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS ..	52	114	400	341
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS—				
Soap ..	24	3	120	102
Fertilizers ..	20	..	31	1
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	412	337	1,406	1,108
Total, Class XIX ..	456	340	1,557	1,211
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS—				
Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives ..	374	453	1,179	1,974
Personal and Household Effects ..	59	82	197	255
All other Articles ..	289	408	1,008	2,246
Total, Class XX. ..	722	943	2,384	4,475
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE ..	..	38	40	97
Australian Produce ..	53,284	59,113	132,570	164,823
Other Produce ..	288	354	891	1,349
GRAND TOTAL ..	53,572	59,467	133,461	166,172

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1953. (a).
	1950.	1951.	1952.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	97,856	126,058	161,879	52,086
Australian Territories	849	927	1,306	848
Borneo (British)	238	422	574	166
Canada	3,541	4,688	6,535	5,197
Ceylon	3,479	4,541	3,468	2,201
East Africa (British)	795	1,937	2,753	1,029
Hong Kong	181	377	733	54
India, Republic of	8,105	10,467	12,446	2,709
Malaya, Federation of	2,064	6,684	7,560	959
New Zealand	2,569	1,206	3,403	1,190
Pakistan	475	1,891	864	411
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	429	810	698	867
Singapore	898	4,472	4,546	1,494
South Africa, Union of	1,455	2,244	1,535	917
Swaziland	2	11	16	227
West Africa (British)	795	329	559	176
Other British Possessions	524	455	1,090	471
Arabia—				
Bahrain Islands	1,938	3,003	4,094	3,300
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	611	1,596	3,389	3,072
Austria	190	743	1,972	202
Belgium	1,287	4,030	7,199	1,139
Brazil	1,160	1,334	2,714	74
China	362	729	1,080	209
Czechoslovakia	1,906	2,365	2,269	243
Egypt	117	1,122	1,176	326
Finland	620	1,512	3,638	283
France	3,476	5,223	6,859	2,738
Germany	2,525	5,630	12,445	3,672
Hungary	218	377	397	31
Indonesia, Republic of	4,382	6,940	7,397	3,937
Italy	3,667	7,024	10,926	1,148
Japan	2,748	5,858	15,595	2,121
Netherlands	1,231	2,971	4,922	1,736
Netherlands Antilles	95	71	1,610	658
Norway	1,207	1,682	3,584	350
Persia (Iran)	4,745	5,423	748	30
Soviet Union	183	230	395	80
Sweden	2,855	6,173	11,038	1,794
Switzerland	986	2,518	2,779	825
United States of America	18,666	22,492	36,974	26,923
Other Foreign Countries	1,177	2,088	3,189	1,275
Country not stated	42	13	16	21
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	180,649	258,666	356,370	127,189

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1953. (a).
	1950.	1951.	1952.	
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	60,364	77,816	55,562	64,635
Australian Territories	348	427	441	580
Borneo (British)	193	283	304	216
Canada	3,210	5,854	3,850	2,979
Ceylon	2,030	2,835	5,762	5,992
Cocos Island .. .. .	..	..	..	904
Hong Kong	2,850	2,473	1,400	1,724
India, Republic of	8,953	5,738	5,227	2,128
Ireland, Republic of	165	593	1,148	1,663
Malaya, Federation of	1,932	2,534	3,688	3,504
Mauritius and Dependencies	702	262	904	647
New Zealand	6,233	5,746	12,574	6,279
Pakistan	171	271	316	291
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	418	280	222	311
Singapore	3,267	3,096	3,827	2,977
South Africa, Union of	998	1,948	1,328	1,268
West Indies (British)	667	668	612	426
Other British Possessions	2,087	2,202	2,383	1,848
Arabia	277	303	339	436
Belgium	2,713	5,931	4,356	4,200
China	228	237	80	287
Czechoslovakia	1,781	1,428	460	520
Denmark	1,334	1,584	546	185
Egypt	2,218	9,179	2,644	849
France	9,776	26,181	16,120	16,876
Germany	3,874	5,317	6,232	3,586
Greece	419	493	321	128
Indonesia, Republic of	191	1,138	1,681	1,617
Italy	4,921	14,989	10,363	9,986
Japan	6,312	16,661	9,180	12,810
Mexico	872	1,754	780	316
Netherlands	2,751	2,684	2,619	930
Norway	457	938	60	155
Persia (Iran)	562	313	119	137
Peru	1,212	905	16	33
Poland	3,216	4,339	959	911
Soviet Union	7,459	4,705	..	..
Spain	1,037	..	163	3
Sweden	2,156	5,949	2,759	718
Switzerland	515	657	455	267
Turkey	263	736	619	252
United States of America	14,565	40,974	20,574	9,868
Yugoslavia	138	1,193	1,649	145
Other Foreign Countries	2,362	3,430	3,352	2,585
Total	166,197	265,044	185,994	166,172

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.
(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.	Year Ended 30th June—			Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1953. (a).
	1950.	1951.	1952.	
Wool—				
Greasy { '000 lb.	228,963	219,645	227,445	189,410
{ £'000	65,603	143,723	73,952	64,558
Scoured and Washed .. { '000 lb.	40,345	32,164	30,775	23,539
{ £'000	11,995	21,341	14,019	9,221
Tops, Noils, and Waste .. { '000 lb.	6,949	5,711	6,861	6,654
{ £'000	1,547	2,733	2,204	2,252
Butter { '000 lb.	79,880	50,390	17,768	38,183
{ £'000	11,224	7,804	3,168	6,918
Wheat { tons	451,614	716,076	425,436	195,344
{ £'000	13,278	22,507	13,590	6,109
Flour (wheaten) { '000 lb.	582,538	466,354	619,807	558,762
{ £'000	9,535	8,675	13,125	11,765
Fruits—				
Dried { '000 lb.	68,575	60,683	68,656	50,486
{ £'000	1,969	2,635	3,788	2,593
Fresh—				
Oranges { bushels	204,817	193,616	171,394	212,599
{ £'000	227	275	324	385
Apples { bushels	49,769	135,370	81,360	22,941
{ £'000	55	155	142	41
Pears { bushels	388,413	616,893	589,386	222,912
{ £'000	461	941	1,170	421
Other Fresh Fruits { £'000	36	19	16	8
Preserved in Liquid .. { '000 lb.	59,676	56,140	73,195	71,848
{ £'000	2,067	2,577	4,030	4,421
Meats—				
Beef (frozen) { '000 lb.	1,494	1,598	2,694	1,954
{ £'000	59	99	249	197
Lamb (frozen) { '000 lb.	82,685	30,297	19,067	50,312
{ £'000	3,788	1,574	1,205	3,301
Mutton (frozen) { '000 lb.	47,774	3,574	4,322	33,203
{ £'000	1,122	126	211	1,076
Pork (frozen) { '000 lb.	2,067	1,450	606	372
{ £'000	168	142	87	55
Poultry (frozen) { £'000	753	1,112	905	483
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) (b) { '000 pairs	12,517	6,572	8,920	4,832
{ £'000	2,259	1,753	2,347	1,422
Preserved in Tins { '000 lb.	46,249	35,888	46,657	82,322
{ £'000	3,336	3,194	5,252	9,974
Sausage Casings { cwt.	17,558	10,303	9,366	13,580
{ £'000	880	876	1,015	926
All Other Meats { £'000	626	903	1,922	561
Milk and Cream { £'000	4,053	3,939	5,489	5,776
Hides and Skins—				
Sheep (with wool) { '000 lb.	39,656	26,438	28,704	34,490
{ £'000	4,432	8,625	5,712	5,171
Rabbit and Hare { '000 lb.	3,989	5,980	2,835	2,884
{ £'000	599	1,152	485	393
Other Skins { £'000	915	1,217	718	702
Tallow (inedible) { cwt.	176,293	118,343	56,248	127,999
{ £'000	725	601	327	489
Eggs in shell { '000 doz.	7,390	4,126	2,389	4,704
{ £'000	976	584	402	994
Eggs not in shell { £'000	459	390	264	645
Cheese { '000 lb.	30,759	29,157	31,258	28,514
{ £'000	2,493	2,640	2,995	3,249

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Carcasses only excluding rabbit and hare meat.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAYS COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1953.
	1939.	1950.	1951.	1952.	
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,692	4,687	4,687	(a)
Traffic Trains Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban .. '000	7,671	7,675	6,300	7,267	5,651
Country .. '000	4,764	3,922	3,393	3,929	3,227
Goods .. '000	5,455	5,952	4,882	5,777	4,387
Total .. '000	17,890	17,549	14,575	16,973	13,265
Passenger Journeys—Suburban .. '000	135,546	173,869	134,344	157,138	(b)101,921
Country .. '000	6,578	8,232	6,969	7,993	(b)5,123
Total .. '000	142,124	182,101	141,313	165,131	(b)107,044
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	8,409	7,043	8,574	(b)5,731
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	716	496	630	(b)447
Gross Ton Mileage '000	4,734,904	5,640,559	4,747,742	5,518,880	4,360,631
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) .. '000	760,485	1,206,767	1,057,051	1,280,191	(b)840,688
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (inc. Live Stock) .. miles	127.26	132.25	140.21	139.08	(b)136.07

(a) Not yet available. (b) Eight months ended 28th February, 1953.

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage During Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1953					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban .. miles '000	24	5,572	55	..	..	5,651
Country .. miles '000	1,887	..	1,193	..	147	3,227
Goods Trains .. miles '000	4,102	3	..	54	228	4,387
Total Traffic Train Mileage .. miles '000	6,013	5,575	1,248	54	375	13,265

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Nine Months Ended 31st March, 1953.
	1939.	1950.	1951. (c).	1952.	
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	20,367	18,660	24,339	23,756
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	1,684	1,786	1,751	(d)
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	22,051	20,446	26,090	(d)
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	19,984	20,811	29,613	25,646
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	2,067	—365	—3,523	(d)
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. .. £'000	2,168	2,224	2,372	2,343	(d)
Net Result for Year £'000	—944	—157	—2,737	—5,866	(d)

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

(c) Due to a railway strike the services did not operate during the period from 16th October, 1950, to 9th December, 1950 (55 days).

(d) Not yet available.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				Period from 1st July, 1952, to 21st March, 1953.
	1939.	1950. (d).	1951.	1952.	
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles	(a) 127·3	126·2	127·8	127·8	127·8
Single miles	5·9	5·2	5·2	5·2	5·2
Motor Omnibus Route miles	48·6	66·7	66·7	66·7	66·7
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways '000	22,981	18,330	21,309	21,648	16,103
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	6,823	7,626	7,598	5,828
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways '000	182,094	203,697	238,709	217,684	150,372
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	59,765	67,442	62,619	44,077
Revenue—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Traffic Receipts	2,305	3,589	4,950	5,876	4,771
Other	15	28	37	65	47
Total Revenue	2,320	3,617	4,987	5,941	4,818
Operating Expenses	(b) 1,517	(c) 3,997	(c) 5,018	(c) 6,033	(c) 4,828
Surplus on Operation	803	..	..	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. .. .	..	380	31	92	10

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 28th October, 1940.

(b) Excluding interest and other charges and appropriations.

(c) Including rates, interest, and depreciation, but excluding appropriations.

(d) Due to a strike of employees tram and motor omnibus services did not operate during the period from 23rd February, 1950, to 23rd April, 1950 (60 days).

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
	Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1949-50	32,192	9,678	7,036	48,906	6,412
1950-51	36,565	12,333	6,528	55,426	5,441
1951-52	42,258	13,776	8,461	64,495	5,387
Nine months ended 31st March, 1953..	21,413	5,390	3,270	30,073	1,958
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.					
1938-39 Year	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1949-50	11,340	4,350	3,105	18,795	4,038
1950-51	15,806	4,935	3,385	24,126	4,697
1951-52	19,248	5,624	3,855	28,727	6,303
Nine months ended 31st March, 1953..	12,570	3,403	1,963	17,936	4,800
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.					
1938-39 Year	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1949-50	178,719	59,997	59,239	297,955	23,781
1950-51	206,338	61,097	50,639	327,074	23,393
1951-52	280,997	71,614	46,011	398,622	25,506
Nine months ended 31st March, 1953..	243,643	55,737	27,290	326,670	18,985
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.					
1938-39 Year	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1949-50	222,251	74,025	69,380	365,656	34,231
1950-51	258,709	78,365	69,552	406,626	33,531
1951-52	342,503	91,014	58,327	491,844	37,196
Nine months ended 31st March, 1953..	277,626	64,530	32,523	374,679	25,743

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connection with business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1950.	1951.	1952.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	1,217	688	988
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	3,169	3,376	3,837
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	4,386	4,064	4,825
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	3,655	3,580	3,620
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,259	2,264	2,213
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	5,914	5,844	5,833
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	10,459	10,502	10,811
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,161	1,217	1,252
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	9,061	8,879	8,900
Primary Producers	699	6,243	6,691	7,825
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	601	624	692
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	29,826	27,907	27,029
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	5,176	5,474	5,950
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	62,527	61,294	62,459
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry Passengers	558	294	263	201
Grand Total Licences	35,970	73,121	71,465	73,318
Permits to operate temporarily outside the conditions of the Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	7,707	3,607	4,437
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	68,831	66,150	99,414
Total Permits	(a)	76,538	69,757	103,851

(a) Not available.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	<i>City of Melbourne (a).</i>			<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>		
1938-39 Year	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1948-49 "	1,208	39	1,322	2,229	193	2,949
1949-50 "	1,343	49	1,539	2,977	287	3,999
1950-51 "	1,253	54	1,392	3,498	305	4,781
1951-52 "	1,373	49	1,602	3,783	340	5,179
1951-52—						
September Quarter	392	13	451	908	90	1,277
December Quarter	295	6	353	800	69	1,102
March Quarter	289	11	343	978	79	1,337
June Quarter	397	19	455	1,097	102	1,468
1952-53—						
September Quarter	355	20	397	906	98	1,188
December Quarter	301	2	361	920	65	1,256
March Quarter	318	5	371	1,090	60	1,503
	<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne)</i>			<i>Total—Victoria.</i>		
1938-39 Year	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1948-49 "	3,503	194	3,954	6,940	426	8,225
1949-50 "	4,238	165	5,000	8,618	501	10,538
1950-51 "	4,523	222	5,191	9,274	581	11,364
1951-52 "	4,955	214	5,750	10,111	603	12,531
1951-52—						
September Quarter	1,363	69	1,591	2,663	172	3,319
December Quarter	1,075	33	1,244	2,170	108	2,699
March Quarter	1,188	49	1,409	2,455	139	3,089
June Quarter	1,329	63	1,506	2,823	184	3,424
1952-53—						
September Quarter	1,273	48	1,465	2,534	166	3,050
December Quarter	1,081	28	1,322	2,302	95	2,939
March Quarter	1,170	40	1,393	2,578	105	3,267

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	6,869	7,575	9,315	12,232
Railways	9,349	17,283	20,250	18,798	24,226
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	3,175	3,584	3,817	4,805
Land	387	959	1,004	1,167	1,889
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	1,955	1,882	1,862	2,267
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	12,027	14,237	17,446	20,347
States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act ..	..	145	169	186	220
States Grants (Coal Emergency) Act ..	..	..	1,830	..	..
States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	..	..	4,750	9,124
All other Revenue	857	2,302	2,898	4,048	4,275
Total Revenue	26,986	46,842	55,556	63,546	81,512
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population ..	14 8 3	22 4 9	25 12 0	28 8 2	35 8 4

(a) For details see page 31.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt ..	6,640	6,325	6,792	7,186	8,157
Exchange on Interest Payments ..	669	542	567	578	578
Sinking Fund Contributions ..	859	1,715	1,854	2,059	2,265
Other	62	114	82	80	74
Railways	7,694	17,024	19,198	19,844	28,275
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	2,062	2,222	2,542	3,367
Education	3,123	7,232	8,671	10,644	13,230
Public Health	143	436	488	614	786
Hospitals	1,054	3,099	4,342	6,450	9,688
Other Charities (a)	2,302	931	1,139	1,353	1,837
Law, Order, and Public Safety ..	1,285	2,722	3,410	4,108	5,236
All other Expenditure	2,962	6,023	7,050	8,431	10,425
Total Expenditure	27,773	48,225	55,815	63,889	83,918
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	14 16 8	22 17 11	25 14 5	28 11 3	36 9 3

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1949.	1950.	1951.	1952.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	71	66	53	29
Land Tax	482	371	293	415	876
Probate Duty	1,374	2,573	2,611	3,442	3,874
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	1,656	2,377	2,987	3,321
Motor Taxation	1,914	2,647	3,179	3,808	5,215
Racing Taxation	677(b)	1,402	1,482	1,609	2,113
Liquor Licences	255	607	680	780	1,323
All other Taxes	110	136	126	132	192
Paid to Consolidated Revenue ..	10,085	6,869	7,575	9,315	12,232
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	2,594	3,239	3,911	4,711
Total State Collections	12,023	9,463	10,814	13,226	16,943
Commonwealth Reimbursement—					
Uniform Tax .. ..	..	12,027	14,237	17,446	20,347
Grand Total	12,023	21,490	25,051	30,672	37,290
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 5	4 9 7	4 19 8	5 18 3	7 7 3
Commonwealth Reimbursement ..	..	5 13 10	6 11 3	7 16 0	8 16 10
Total	6 8 5	10 3 5	11 10 11	13 14 3	16 4 1

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

(b) Including Entertainments Tax.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1952.
	1950.	1951.	1952.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	2,655	7,044	10,498	73,523
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	390	816	1,094	15,425
Water Supply and Sewerage	4,160	7,154	10,699	60,407
Electricity Supply .. ..	..	1,250	9,000	28,089
Public Buildings—				
Schools	2,160	2,686	3,521	16,984
Hospitals	1,470	2,593	2,952	9,276
Other	471	590	799	3,921
Housing	304	904	4,185	8,550
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	804	738	829	6,975
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	4,844	6,096	5,754	70,151
Advances to Settlers (b)	5	1	..	3,764
Wire Netting Advances	11	56	23	1,008
Bulk Handling of Wheat	154	..	..	1,154
Forestry	1,543	1,590	1,390	11,295
Mining (including State Coal Mine) ..	13	140	38	824
Other Primary Production	97	159	125	1,664
Coal (Overseas Purchase)	1,130	17	Cr. 4	1,987
Gas and Fuel Corporation .. ..	..	2,552	2,393	4,945
Rural Finance Corporation	5	814	1,600	2,419
Other Purposes	109	109	188	1,017
Total Public Works, &c.	20,325	35,309	55,084	365,760
In Aid of Revenue	1,383	..	2,000	13,055
Grand Total	21,708	35,309	57,084	378,815

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	59,835	4,658	89,336	153,829	86 19 7
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1951	45,296	4,486	201,151	250,933	110 11 7
1952	45,225	4,456	252,818	302,499	129 10 6

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1948-49	74,457	185,851	260,308	137,003	52·63
„ 1949-50	80,385	229,042	309,427	155,550	50·27
„ 1950-51	98,050	310,069	408,119	179,967	44·10
„ 1951-52	94,332	329,236	423,568	228,984	54·06
Quarter ended March, 1952	92,404	336,461	428,865	241,747	56·37
„ „ June, 1952	88,513	330,342	418,855	248,023	59·21
„ „ September, 1952	82,712	288,744	371,456	247,938	66·75
„ „ December, 1952	81,919	305,735	387,654	231,675	59·76
„ „ March, 1953	82,330	334,948	417,278	214,105	51·31
1952—Month of January	91,908	336,854	428,762	249,713	58·24
„ February	93,051	336,186	429,237	272,371	63·45
„ March	92,376	344,604	436,980	298,064	68·21
1953—Month of January	82,874	318,155	401,029	218,658	54·52
„ February	81,735	332,366	414,101	213,743	51·62
„ March	82,380	354,325	436,705	209,915	48·07

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Mondays in periods to December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays in periods.

Note.—The figures shown in the above statement have been revised and relate, in respect of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, to the General Banking Division only of that institution.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.								Total Amount Cleared.
								£'000
1929 Year .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1948 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,365,782
1949 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,778,182
1950 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,652,973
1951 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,600,401
1952 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1951—March Quarter								1,053,361
June Quarter								1,307,649
September Quarter								1,044,473
December Quarter								1,194,918
1952—March Quarter								1,077,267
June Quarter								1,174,494
September Quarter								954,585
December Quarter								997,759
1953—March Quarter								986,166

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.				Deposits—			Total Deposits per Head of Population.
				State Savings Bank (a).	Commonwealth Savings Bank.	Total.	
At 30th June—				£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929 .. .. .	..	..	..	66,130	6,577	72,707	41 2 2
1931 .. .. .	..	..	..	57,138	6,104	63,242	35 2 10
1939 .. .. .	..	..	..	69,219	11,242	80,461	42 15 4
1947 .. .. .	..	..	..	168,148	47,959	216,107	105 3 0
1948 .. .. .	..	..	..	177,781	48,620	226,401	108 5 10
1949 .. .. .	..	..	..	187,359	51,887	239,246	111 16 10
1950 .. .. .	..	..	..	198,680	58,441	257,121	116 14 5
1951 .. .. .	..	..	..	213,687	68,092	281,779	124 3 5
1952 .. .. .	..	..	..	224,347	76,485	300,832	128 16 2
At 31st March, 1953 ..	..	..	..	229,556	82,107	311,663	(b) 132 4 10

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

Period.	Mortgages Registered during Period.					
	Under Transfer of Land Acts (a).		Under Property Law Act (b).		Total.	
	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).	Number.	Consideration (c).
Year ended 31st December—		£'000		£'000		£ 000
1929	27,916	21,082	899	968	28,815	22,050
1939	19,144	12,244	853	773	19,997	13,017
1948	21,926	17,263	849	556	22,775	17,819
1949	27,868	21,136	904	683	28,772	21,819
1950	35,914	24,339	1,210	3,407	37,124	27,746
1951	37,856	39,903	1,317	2,419	39,173	42,322
1952	35,545	63,904	1,235	2,083	36,780	65,987
1951—						
March Quarter	8,214	7,526	291	296	8,505	7,822
June Quarter	9,941	9,596	343	857	10,284	10,453
September Quarter	10,845	10,716	393	799	11,238	11,515
December Quarter	8,856	12,065	290	467	9,146	12,532
1952—						
March Quarter	8,288	13,963	253	186	8,541	14,149
June Quarter	8,862	19,755	310	979	9,172	20,734
September Quarter	9,464	17,000	341	526	9,805	17,526
December Quarter	9,931	13,186	331	392	9,262	13,578
1953—						
March Quarter	8,213	13,383	293	251	8,506	13,634

(a) Mortgages under the Transfer of Land Act are in respect of land brought under that Act subsequent to 1862 and land alienated by the Crown since that date.

(b) Mortgages under the Property Law Act are in respect of land alienated by the Crown prior to 1862 and not subsequently brought under the Transfer of Land Act.

(c) Excluding the amounts owing under mortgages given to secure overdrafts on current account.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Three Months ended 31st March, 1953.
	1929.	1939.	1951.	1952.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	926	537	1,046	808	188
Foreign	62	37	98	86	22
Mining	22	28	4	15	3
Total	1,010	602	1,148	909	213
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	44,083	17,302	63,017	52,264	9,379
Foreign	(a)	8,975	45,651	29,758	3,723
Mining	1	..	1,308	45	55
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	7,259	10,229	12,885	13,282	13,336
Foreign	899	643	1,120	1,179	1,183
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	10,246	6,854	95,225	49,978	27,808
Mining	244	1,097	1,434	902	38

(a) Not available.

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State— Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
Averages 1911–1940 (a)	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
	12·49	17·52	18·09	27·06	34·81	27·58	29·64	33·47	24·28
Year—									
1948 ..	11·29	19·15	16·46	24·82	31·98	28·37	25·93	34·37	23·61
1949 ..	11·80	16·67	20·45	31·35	33·72	26·91	32·62	36·72	25·05
1950 ..	17·57	20·04	23·67	31·63	35·03	24·01	30·82	36·65	26·52
1951 ..	12·09	19·61	20·26	31·87	37·45	33·32	34·71	41·78	27·91
1952 ..	15·22	21·87	21·86	35·56	46·24	39·30	40·66	48·71	32·75
1952—									
January ..	1·04	2·04	0·69	1·36	0·65	3·03	0·96	1·01	1·40
February ..	0·40	1·05	0·31	1·01	0·37	1·48	1·79	1·95	1·02
March ..	0·88	0·76	0·71	0·89	2·16	0·75	1·49	3·74	1·48
Three months of 1952 ..	2·32	3·85	1·71	3·26	3·18	5·26	4·24	6·70	3·90
1953—									
January ..	1·33	1·37	1·37	2·04	2·24	0·76	2·22	2·44	1·64
February ..	0·46	0·12	0·53	0·88	1·13	0·47	1·67	1·66	0·81
March ..	0·01	0·08	0·12	0·17	0·25	0·34	0·46	0·60	0·25
Three months of 1953 ..	1·80	1·57	2·02	3·09	3·62	1·57	4·35	4·70	2·70

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911–1940.

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				

Area of Crops.

	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1947–48 ..	3,227,162	650,119	164,189	657,146	59,400	33,641	57,943
1948–49 ..	2,995,705	539,603	195,779	591,341	45,785	34,371	57,868
1949–50 ..	2,828,273	483,190	236,123	606,525	50,651	34,284	56,467
1950–51 ..	2,735,473	527,217	217,096	557,454	52,482	34,438	55,850
1951–52 ..	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	(c) 640,418	(d) 42,108	34,633	55,376

Total Production.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.(e)	
1947–48 ..	46,962,385	15,380,970	3,576,771	1,042,438	184,882	55,246	..
1948–49 ..	49,063,560	7,489,601	3,547,691	933,983	166,105	43,672	..
1949–50 ..	57,433,835	8,718,307	4,876,180	1,000,855	167,881	49,124	..
1950–51 ..	51,235,929	9,034,005	4,510,079	894,585	139,391	34,087	..
1951–52 ..	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..

Average Yield per Acre.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.(e)	
1947–48 ..	14·55	23·66	21·78	1·59	3·11	1·64	..
1948–49 ..	16·38	13·88	18·12	1·58	3·63	1·27	..
1949–50 ..	20·31	18·04	20·65	1·65	3·31	1·43	..
1950–51 ..	18·73	17·14	20·77	1·60	2·66	0·99	..
1951–52 ..	18·67	16·48	19·44	1·63	4·24	1·41	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1951–52 amounted to 1,319, 6,860, and 2,455 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1950–51 was 13,339 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement. (See *Victorian Year-Book*.)

(c) Including wheaten 34,964 acres and oats 214,427 acres.

(d) Revised figures.

(e) Weight of dried produce.

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March.	Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
		All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948	221,454	1,476,379	697,824	2,174,203	271,492	17,931,173
1949	213,090	1,513,292	711,251	2,224,543	223,823	19,170,312
1950	200,143	1,525,183	705,765	2,230,948	212,901	19,161,043
1951	186,415	1,489,393	726,860	2,216,253	237,127	20,011,933
1952	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,229

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.	Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity. (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price. per lb.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	£	d.
1947-48	157,866,750	33,137,130	191,003,880	29,851,792	37·51
1948-49	165,192,428	30,212,458	195,404,886	37,105,206	45·57
1949-50	179,479,743	37,159,564	216,639,307	55,033,279	60·97
1950-51	187,839,467	25,055,009	212,894,476	129,524,213	146·02
1951-52	194,617,909	23,182,638	217,800,547	61,572,367	67·85

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1950.	1951.	1952. (c)
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Factories	9,250	13,231	13,504	14,753
Persons employed (a)—				
Males	136,218	216,198	224,919	233,699
Females	65,613	87,278	91,873	90,444
Total	201,831	303,476	316,792	324,143
Wages paid (b)—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males	29,006	105,135	130,923	163,688
Females	7,021	25,119	32,284	38,898
Total	36,027	130,254	163,207	202,586
Value of—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used	3,595	12,822	16,324	20,779
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs	2,655	10,202	12,791	15,707
Materials used (including containers)	80,722	284,197	370,258	463,121
Production (net)	65,996	219,245	275,660	334,360
Output	152,968	526,466	675,033	833,967
Land and buildings	42,026	84,124	100,326	110,550
Machinery and plant	38,570	92,748	107,261	129,134

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1939.	1950.	1951.	1952.(a)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products	1,576	4,233	5,419	6,398
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.	1,530	3,140	4,075	4,996
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease	4,462	12,819	17,155	20,621
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances	16,460	71,183	90,916	115,726
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate	547	2,354	2,719	2,116
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)	6,324	22,586	28,780	29,301
Skins and leather (not clothing or footwear)	1,373	4,701	5,496	5,341
Clothing	7,865	25,480	31,215	35,033
Food, drink, and tobacco	12,610	32,360	37,248	46,771
Woodworking and basketware	2,391	9,437	12,013	15,045
Furniture, bedding, &c.	1,281	3,882	5,305	6,112
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, &c.	4,930	13,949	17,836	23,217
Rubber	1,573	4,486	6,507	8,020
Musical instruments	24	115	121	182
Miscellaneous products	722	4,969	6,689	7,858
Heat, light, and power	2,328	3,551	4,166	6,654
Total	65,996	219,245	275,660	334,360

Note.—"Added Value" is the source from which provision is made for the following:—Salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses, and profits.
(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1950–51.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Primary—						
Agriculture	67,718	7,617	60,101	11,055	49,046	21 18 6
Pastoral	168,411	6,375	162,036	3,049	158,987	71 1 7
Dairying	35,991	1,640	34,351	4,786	29,565	13 4 5
Poultry and Bee Farming	14,016	1,072	12,944	2,859	10,085	4 10 2
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	11,317	987	10,330	(c)	10,330	4 12 5
Mining	5,907	634	5,273	2,304	2,969	1 6 7
Total Primary	303,360	18,325	285,035	24,053	260,982	116 13 8
Manufacturing (d)	275,660	..	275,660	..	275,660	123 4 10
Total all Industries	579,020	18,325	560,695	24,053	536,642	239 18 6

(a) Gross value is defined as the value placed on recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation and maintenance costs.

(c) Not available.

(d) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD
OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.								Total.
	Agri- culture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manu- facturing.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1937-38 ..	8 0 10	9 19 2	5 12 10	1 11 10	1 2 0	0 18 6	34 17 4	62 2 6	
1938-39 ..	2 19 11	8 1 8	5 6 3	1 13 6	0 18 1	0 18 7	35 3 11	55 1 11	
1939-40 ..	6 6 0	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 12 5	
1940-41 ..	3 14 0	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 15 10	
1941-42 ..	7 18 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 5 10	
1942-43 ..	9 13 0	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 9 1	
1943-44 ..	8 1 6	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 2 7	
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1	
1945-46 ..	10 1 8	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	93 19 7	
1946-47 ..	14 6 11	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	108 12 11	
1947-48 ..	23 5 8	19 19 4	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	137 0 6	
1948-49 ..	17 1 0	24 11 5	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	147 7 8	
1949-50 ..	22 8 10	34 13 5	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	179 17 10	
1950-51 ..	21 18 6	71 1 7	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	239 18 6	

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES
MANUFACTURED.

Period.			Black Coal.	Brown Coal.			Briquettes Manu- factured. (a)	
				State Electricity Commission.		Privately- operated Mines.		Total.
				Yallourn.	Yallourn North.			
Year ended	31st	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
December—								
1939	..	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1940	..	268	4,278	..	2	4,280	428	
1941	..	326	4,565	..	1	4,566	419	
1942	..	313	4,890	40	4	4,934	417	
1943	..	287	5,038	43	11	5,092	411	
1944	..	258	4,913	88	15	5,016	429	
1945	..	247	5,366	48	31	5,445	455	
1946	..	191	5,547	90	70	5,707	504	
1947	..	174	5,791	153	196	6,140	514	
1948	..	168	6,091	333	268	6,692	542	
1949	..	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950	..	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951	..	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952	..	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1952—								
March Quarter ..		32	1,623	259	144	2,026	148	
June Quarter ..		30	1,624	259	152	2,035	141	
Sept. Quarter ..		43	1,643	303	155	2,101	132	
Dec. Quarter ..		39	1,558	266	118	1,942	133	
1953—								
March Quarter ..		38	1,503	301	106	1,910	135	

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.	Interstate.			Oversea.				Grand Total—Interstate and Oversea.
	From New South Wales.	From Queensland.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Total.	
Year ended 31st December—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
1939 ..	1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	..	1,404
1940 ..	1,207	..	1,207	..	..	..	..	1,207
1941 ..	1,590	..	1,590	..	..	..	..	1,590
1942 ..	1,705	..	1,705	..	..	..	..	1,705
1943 ..	1,583	..	1,583	..	..	..	..	1,583
1944 ..	1,659	..	1,659	..	..	..	..	1,659
1945 ..	1,472	..	1,472	..	..	..	..	1,472
1946 ..	1,504	..	1,504	..	..	..	..	1,504
1947 ..	1,413	..	1,413	..	..	..	..	1,413
1948 ..	1,440	..	1,440	24	..	..	24	1,464
1949 ..	1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	354	1,551
1950 ..	1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	428	1,580
1951 ..	1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	211	1,519
1952 ..	1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	200	1,854
1952—								
March Quarter	308	25	333	..	43	..	43	376
June Quarter	376	25	401	..	32	..	32	433
Sept. Quarter	393	58	451	..	103	..	103	554
Dec. Quarter	411	58	469	..	22	..	22	491
1953—								
March Quarter	248	50	298	..	17	..	17	315

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1947-48 ..	230·2	1,674·3	1,904·5	228·0	1,582·1	1,810·1
1948-49 ..	183·6	1,964·4	2,148·0	181·2	1,857·8	2,039·0
1949-50 ..	176·0	2,186·8	2,362·8	173·7	2,063·1	2,236·8
1950-51 ..	194·2	2,411·3	2,605·5	191·7	2,276·2	2,467·9
1951-52 ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1950-51—						
March Quarter ..	24·0	589·4	613·4	23·8	556·0	579·8
June Quarter ..	45·6	647·7	693·3	44·9	611·1	656·0
1951-52—						
September Quarter	77·0	661·7	738·7	76·5	624·9	701·4
December Quarter	66·5	610·3	676·8	65·7	574·8	640·5
March Quarter ..	32·7	635·4	668·1	32·3	600·4	632·7
June Quarter ..	50·2	657·9	708·1	49·6	620·4	670·0
1952-53—						
September Quarter	80·7	692·5	773·2	79·9	652·9	732·8
December Quarter	87·7	630·4	718·1	86·9	591·3	678·2
March Quarter	42·5	662·1	704·6	42·0	622·3	664·3

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1951-52 98 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

GREATER MELBOURNE—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1938 Year ..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 " ..	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1945 " ..	1,944	2,059	107	443	6,644	1,046	8,695	3,548
1946 " ..	7,292	9,875	241	1,814	7,882	1,520	15,415	12,709
1947 " ..	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 " ..	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 " ..	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950 " ..	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951 " ..	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952 " ..	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,799
1951—								
March Quarter ..	2,955	7,036	109	805	4,190	1,117	7,254	8,958
June Quarter ..	3,309	8,438	147	1,726	4,971	1,402	8,427	11,566
September Quarter ..	2,876	7,851	183	1,281	4,487	1,583	7,546	10,715
December Quarter ..	1,970	6,137	154	894	3,802	1,537	5,926	8,568
1952—								
March Quarter ..	1,778	5,156	126	703	4,247	1,282	6,151	7,141
June Quarter ..	1,562	4,566	154	1,086	4,186	1,900	5,902	7,552
September Quarter ..	1,634	4,587	241	2,435	4,440	1,814	6,315	8,836
December Quarter ..	1,647	4,607	256	2,075	4,339	1,588	6,242	8,270
1953—								
March Quarter ..	1,821	5,282	274	1,338	4,159	1,685	6,254	8,305

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1939 Year ..	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1944 " ..	30	15	19	23	474	91	523	129
1945 " ..	218	206	23	34	646	94	877	334
1946 " ..	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,328	962
1947 " ..	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,303	1,293
1948 " ..	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949 " ..	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950 " ..	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951 " ..	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952 " ..	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1951—								
March Quarter ..	273	586	9	26	325	63	607	675
June Quarter ..	325	734	21	165	427	88	773	987
September Quarter ..	280	660	19	342	330	118	629	1,120
December Quarter ..	194	489	11	39	287	93	492	621
1952—								
March Quarter ..	173	401	23	311	304	81	500	793
June Quarter ..	140	333	14	62	361	106	515	501
September Quarter ..	180	447	30	210	344	276	554	983
December Quarter ..	164	406	28	59	354	141	546	606
1953—								
March Quarter ..	154	407	34	148	310	166	498	721

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 " ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 " ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 " ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 " ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 " ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 " ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 " ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 " ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 " ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1951-52						
September Quarter ..	481	839	1,320	423	342	765
December Quarter ..	187	585	772	391	421	812
March Quarter ..	162	312	474	266	282	548
June Quarter ..	101	303	404	348	497	845
1952-53—						
September Quarter ..	378	167	545	332	375	707
December Quarter ..	518	1,450	1,968	495	658	1,153
March Quarter ..	295	168	463	309	227	536
Grand Total to 31st March, 1953 ..	13,510	10,153	23,663	11,831	7,830	19,661

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz, 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.